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DEPT. FOR NEA/AFN-MR. MONTVILLE AND S/CPR FROM THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: MOROCCAN CONSUL GENERAL IN NEW YORK REPORTEDLY DETAINED
AT AIRPORT

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY HERE HAS JUST SENT US STRONGLY-WORDED DIPLOMATIC NOTE CONCERNING DETENTION OF MOROCCAN CONSUL GENERAL IN NEW YORK, ABDESLLEM JAIDI, AT AIRPORT IN NEW YORK. ACCORDING TO NOTE, "AMERICAN POLICE" HELD JAIDI FOR HOUR AND A HALF AT AIRPORT FOLLOWING HIS ARRIVAL THERE FROM CASABLANCA JUNE 3 ON BOARD "FLIGHT 200." (SCHEDULES INDICATE THE FLIGHT WAS AT 200 (ROYAL AIR MAROC) WHICH ARRIVED JFK 1720 YOUR TIME). NOTE SAYS THAT POLICE DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT JAIDI'S MOROCCAN DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT (#002581) AND CHARACTERIZES THIS ACTION AS CONTRARY TO MOST BASIC CONSULAR AND DIPLOMATIC CONDITIONS, AS SPELLED OUT IN VIENNA CONVENTION OF 1961. NOTE REQUESTS EMBASSY TO INTERCEDE WITH THE APPROPRIATE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES TO ASSURE SUCH INCIDENTS ARE NOT REPEATED IN FUTURE.

2. JAIDI HAS CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH KING HASSAN AND IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT PALACE AS WELL AS FOREIGN MINISTRY EXERCISED OVER INCIDENT. I THEREFORE HOPE VERY MUCH THAT THERE IS SOME EXPLANATION WHICH I CAN USE TO SMOOTH RUFFLED FEATHERS HERE. PLEASE FURNISH BACKGROUND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED

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IN KNOWING IF JAIDI HAS AS YET CONTACTED DEPARTMENT, AND

IF SO, WHAT STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN.

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